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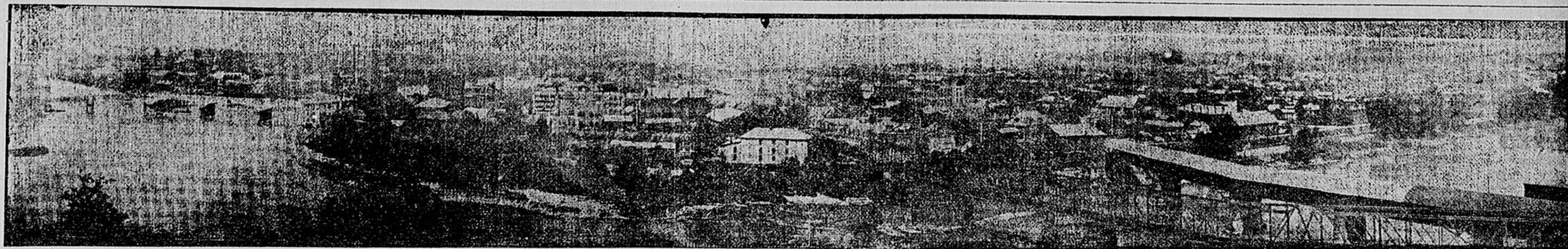
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THE WEATHER TO-DAY—Rain.

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## Electrocution of the Allens Is Delayed Until This Afternoon



BIRDS' EYE VIEW OF ZANESVILLE, O., WHICH IS COVERED BY FLOOD.

### DAYTON YIELDING UP ITS SECRETS OF FLOOD TRAGEDIES

Accurate Estimate of Dead Impossible Till Receding Waters Permit Search of Ruins. Figures Now Run From 200 to 2,000. Rescuers Still Unable to Reach Fire Zone, but Damage There Has Not Been so Heavy as Was Feared---Workhouse Converted Into Inferno When Starving Prisoners Fight for Chance to Save Their Lives.

#### Estimate of Conditions in Dayton

Dead—accurate estimates impossible. Seventy thousand persons marooned. Fifteen thousand residences submerged. One hundred and twenty miles of streets inundated. Five thousand persons provided for in rescue stations. Five hundred horses killed. One thousand automobiles damaged. These were tentative figures of damage that placed Dayton's pecuniary loss at \$25,000,000, estimated by persons who had explored part of the flood area.

(By Associated Press.)

Dayton, Ohio, March 27.—All but a few of those hundreds of persons who have been marooned in the downtown section of flooded Dayton since Tuesday morning are safe. This was the news brought out late to-day by an Associated Press staff man, the first to succeed in the perilous task of penetrating as far north as the Big Miami River.

Chief of Police J. N. Allaback, himself marooned, who has been directing the rescue work, gave the first information as to the situation in what has heretofore been the waterfront district.

Except for possible loss of life on the north side of the river, there will not be more than 200 dead in Dayton, according to Allaback's estimate, after he had been given information as to the situation on the south side.

#### Frightful Condition Found in Workhouse.

The worst condition found near the centre of the flood was in the workhouse, where sixty prisoners have not had a drop of water nor a bite of food since Tuesday. The men revolted Tuesday night and demanded their liberty and a chance to fight for their lives. Since then the workhouse has been a madhouse, according to Superintendent Johnson. The prisoners repeatedly fought with Johnson, and threatened to kill both him and his family.

Johnson asked that a detachment of the National Guard be assigned to help him handle them. He declared that the men would have to be shot if they escaped from their cells.

No word has been heard from Mayor Phillips. The chief of police had been unable to get near the Phillips house, and did not know whether the Mayor would be found dead or alive.

North of Burns Avenue, as far as Fourth Street, the water was found to be from three to six feet deep.

#### Enough Supplies to Prevent Great Suffering.

Beyond Fourth Street the water has receded enough to make it possible in places to proceed on foot. From Fourth Street to the Big Miami River relief work was taken up by a company headed by Chief Allaback. All of the grocery stores were commandeered, and, although in most cases the goods were covered with water, yet sufficient supplies were found to prevent great suffering among those in the interior dry strip. While there may be many deaths in individual homes, which have been without food or drink, there was no place but the workhouse where any considerable number of people were held

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### PRISONERS TROOP FROM BUILDINGS IN FLOODED ZONE

Falling Waters Release Them From Dayton Traps.

#### TIME OF TERRORS IS NOT OVER YET

Fear of Fires, Biting Weather With Falling Snow, and Realization of What Search of Ruins Will Bring, Make City Inferno of Terror and Despair.

#### List of Flood's Dead Compiled From Reports

The death list in the flooded districts of Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania, as compiled from the reports received up to 1 o'clock this (Friday) morning, is as follows: Ohio.—Dayton and suburbs (unconfirmed), 1,500; Columbus, 500; Delaware, 35; Piqua, 30; Middletown, 30; Hamilton, 50; Sidney, 50; Tipppecanoe City, 5; Fremont, 11; Tiffin, 15; Zanesville, 100; Troy, 30; Chillicothe, 25. Indiana.—Peru, 60; Howesville, 10; Indianapolis, 50; Brooksville, 25; Newcastle, 3; Lafayette, 5; Noblesville, 2; Fort Wayne, 6. Pennsylvania.—Sharon, 10; scattering, 10.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

New York, March 27.—Militiamen in boats arrived in the stricken city of Dayton, Ohio, to the great joy of the flood sufferers, and simultaneous with their arrival a train load of supplies crept into the Union Station over the tracks of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Just as these signs of returning life were visible, several thousand men and women, prisoners for nearly three days in the downtown office buildings, trooped out into the damp and mud-smeared sidewalks and got their first glimpse at close range of the terrible destruction wrought by the great flood. The first that have burned spasmodically yesterday afternoon last night and part of to-day, were extinguished this afternoon, and it is now hoped that the loss of life will not approach the appalling figures that have been given publicity during the last two days.

#### Search Begins To-Day.

Major Leon Smith, in charge of the militia, announced to-night that the search of buildings for bodies of the dead would begin to-morrow, and it is therefore impossible to-night to give any accurate information as to the loss of life in the city. It is known, however, that 200 persons have been drowned, and it is believed that this list may be doubled when the searching shall have ended.

To-night the city is practically under martial law, and with only a light here and there, militiamen are patrolling all sections of the city, some afoot and some in boats, preserving order. Major Smith has asked for more militiamen, not because any looting is feared, but for the reason that the men now here have been on duty almost constantly for two days in their efforts to get into the city, and many of them are exhausted.

North Dayton, which is expected to roll up a great death list, furnished no information to-night that would lead to an accurate list of the dead in that vicinity, but it is not thought that the dead there will add more than 200 to the number already known to have lost their lives.

It will be some days before the current will permit of the free passage of boats across the Miami to North Dayton, but aid is being sent there from other sources and word from that section of the city to-night brought by the militia was to the effect that many houses there were being cleaned of the slime and mud left by the flood and were being turned into hospitals for the care of the suffering.

A cold wave, followed by a blinding snow, has made the suffering of those yet to be rescued intense, and added to this is the great lack of drinking water.

The reservoir at Leavitts is intact, despite many reports to the contrary. With this, the general situation in Dayton at 11 o'clock to-night, Secretary of War Garrison, on a special train and accompanied by Major-General Leonard Wood and several other officers, is rushing to the Ohio city with the intention of seeing all aid possible. The secretary is going to Cincinnati over the Chesapeake and Ohio and from there will work his

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### GROUND FOR HOPE THAT DEATH LIST IS NOT OVER 2,000

Encouragement Given by Revised Estimate From Dayton.

#### OUTLOOK DARKER IN OTHER PLACES

In Dayton Number of Those Who Perished May Not Exceed 200, but Figures Grow Alarmingly Throughout Remainder of Stricken Territory—Columbus Loss Heavy.

(By Associated Press.)

Revised estimates of the loss of life in Dayton, Ohio, received last night, give ground for hope that the dead in all sections affected by the flood will not exceed 2,000, and may go below that figure. Daring investigators who penetrated the flooded section revealed hundreds safe whom it was feared were lost.

Unless availed by a death list in the foreign settlement on the north side, as yet unreached, there may not be more than 200 dead in the whole city.

#### Death List Grows Rapidly.

From other points than Dayton the death list grew rapidly yesterday and last night.

There was far heavier loss of life in the west side of Columbus, Ohio, than was thought. One estimate places the number of dead at more than 600.

Apparently authentic reports from Piqua indicated that twenty were dead there.

At Peru, Ind., the authorities estimated the death list would reach at least 150.

From Hamilton, Ohio, fifty persons were reported drowned in the collapse of a hotel where they had sought refuge.

Twenty-five deaths were reported from Troy, Ohio, thirty in Middletown and five at Massillon.

Deaths from the flood in Chillicothe will not exceed twenty-five, according to latest reports. Earlier reports were that from 200 to 500 lives had been lost.

A report from Linton, Ind., gave sixteen persons drowned at Howesville, twenty-five miles south of Terre Haute.

There were ten deaths in Sharon, Pennsylvania.

Property Damage \$25,000,000.

Estimates are that 70,000 persons are marooned in Dayton's flooded district, where 15,000 homes have been submerged. Rescue stations are preparing for 5,000 homeless persons. The property damage in the city is figured at \$25,000,000.

Alarmist reports were frequent during the day. In most cases these were quickly contradicted. Rumors that the Grand reservoir, near St. Mary's, Ohio, had broken, proved unfounded. Similar reports about the Leavitts reservoir likewise were found to be untrue. Threatened breaks in both were reported, and reports to Governor Cox at Columbus last night indicated that the danger from this source was past.

Latest reports from Zanesville are that 150 lives are believed to have been lost there. About 15,000 are homeless. A score of buildings collapsed. Fire broke out at one point, but it was not believed it would spread.

Twenty were found dead among refugees in the courthouse at Peru, Ind., the victims of exposure, according to a telephone message. Contingion has broken out among the refugees, the report stated.

All Dayton sufferers who could be reached were fed. The chief trouble was lack of means for distribution.

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to visit the new building of The Times-Dispatch this afternoon between the hours of 4 and 6 o'clock.

The composing room and the presses will be in operation so that you will have an opportunity of seeing just how a newspaper is made.

### DEATH-CRESTED TORRENT SWEEPS ON DOWN VALLEY

Zanesville, in Its Path, Now Place of Desolation.

#### AT LEAST 150 DEAD IN FLOODED CITY

Other Cities and Towns in Muskingum and Ohio Valleys Are Suffering Under Deluge, and Disaster Is Predicted for People Along the Mississippi.

#### Valleys Are Swept by Great Floods

Washington, March 27.—A flood of the first magnitude in the Ohio Valley, to be followed by a prolonged period of high water in the Mississippi River below Cairo, was predicted to-night by the Weather Bureau. Fair weather is now prevailing over practically the entire country, but the clearing up rains Wednesday night were unusually heavy, and the Weather Bureau forecasts that the Ohio flood will closely approach that of January, 1907.

Flood warnings have been issued for the James River of Virginia; the Pee Dee, of South Carolina; the Tennessee and Cumberland, at points in Tennessee, Kentucky and Alabama.

The storm which has been causing serious floods in the Central States is now passing into the ocean.

West Dayton, O., March 27.—The First National Bank building, in Central Dayton, is burning. The flood waters have so far receded that firemen with an engine succeeded in getting across, and all persons who wish to leave are being brought out.

The Third Street Bridge over the Big Miami River is safe, and it appears that by daylight the militia now guarding the district will know the full extent of the disaster there. Many persons to-night refused to leave, believing they could better secure food and clothing there than in other parts of Dayton.

The police and militia report that looters are working in the central district. All persons not able to give a satisfactory explanation of their actions are arrested. Persistent, but unconfirmed rumors tell of looters being shot. Excitement is running riot. The wildest rumors are in circulation, and serious trouble is expected almost any moment.

#### Zanesville Is Desolate.

Zanesville, O., March 27.—The Muskingum and the Licking Rivers are still rising here. Relief is needed at once. Only one telephone line connects Zanesville with the outside world, and it falls frequently.

The weather has turned cold and the homeless are suffering intensely. The food supply is almost exhausted.

From the hills around Zanesville, the survivors of the onrush of the waters looked down upon a scene of desolation to-night. What had been two rivers was one death-dealing, property-destroying stream. Over 600 houses have been swept away. Although many persons were saved, it is believed 150 is a conservative estimate of the fatalities.

Late to-day two young men in a skiff rescued eight persons from roofs of their homes. As the boat struggled through the swift flood water it was suddenly upset. All the occupants were swept to their deaths.

More than thirty bodies were seen floating in the raging torrents to-day, but it was impossible to reach any of them with safety.

Relief headquarters have been established in a fire station. City Hall is surrounded by fifteen feet of water and the water reaches the second floor of the Muskingum courthouse, where a number of persons have been marooned for twenty-six hours. The gas supply is still on to-night, but there is no water or electric light.

Many persons sought shelter in the opera house block, but a portion of that building fell in to-day and the police ordered all persons out of the building. A four-story building, occupied by a music company collapsed, causing a heavy loss.

According to information to-night relief has been sent from Cambridge, O., by wagons, but it is doubtful whether it can reach here.

Bridge Swept Away.

Portsmouth, Ohio, March 27.—The Scioto Bridge here was swept away by the tempestuous flood during the

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### ELLYSON ASKED TO COMMUTE SENTENCE IN MANN'S ABSENCE

Attorney-General Will Deliver Written Opinion by Noon as to Lieutenant-Governor's Powers---Sympathizers of Condemned Men Work All Night---Unprecedented Effort to Undo Governor's Work During His Temporary Absence From the State---Petitions Asking for Advisory Pardon Commission to Look Into Cases Disregarded by Executive.

In order that efforts may be made to induce Lieutenant-Governor J. Taylor Ellyson to take advantage of the temporary absence of Governor Mann from the State and grant a commutation of sentence to one or both prisoners, the execution of Floyd Allen and Claude Swanson Allen has been postponed from 7 o'clock this morning until this afternoon. By 12 o'clock the official opinion of Attorney-General Samuel W. Williams, on the power of the Lieutenant-Governor to act, will be filed.

The order delaying the execution was issued by Major James B. Wood, superintendent of the penitentiary, at 2 o'clock this morning, after a lengthy discussion of the matter before the Lieutenant-Governor. The Attorney-General has indicated that he will rule that Mr. Ellyson has no power, and it is believed the death sentence will be carried out on the two men this afternoon.

#### Ellyson Gives No Opinion About Case.

The Lieutenant-Governor has not indicated what his action would be even if he had the power to grant commutation. It is generally believed he would do nothing.

Besides, nobody really knows whether the Governor is out of the State or not. He left the city at 3:50 o'clock yesterday afternoon for Trenton, N. J. But he does not speak there until to-night, and he may have spent the night at Fredericksburg.

#### An Unprecedented Scene.

The last scene of the long series of attempts to save the lives of these two men was most remarkable. For hours the men who have worked to gain clemency for the prisoners sought to secure a mandate from the Lieutenant-Governor, under the supposition that his hand had the power to stay execution, and, indeed, to avert it altogether. They desired that official to seize an opportunity, which they believed was afforded him by the departure of his chief for New Jersey, to overturn two separate rulings made by the executive of the State.

No sooner was it learned that the Governor had left the city yesterday afternoon than the Allen sympathizers began to put into motion a plan that they had had in mind throughout the day. A conference was called to meet at the Jefferson Hotel last night to consider the scheme. This meeting adjourned soon afterward to the residence of John P. Branch, 1 West Franklin Street. Here were gathered Victor Allen, Mr. Branch, D. C. O'Flaherty, attorney for Claude Allen in the recent proceedings before the Supreme Court of the United States; Judge J. Richard Wingfield, of the State Corporation Commission; Captain James H. Price, Assistant District Attorney Hiram M. Smith, former counsel for the Allens, and other men who have shown by their labors and their contributions that they believe the younger prisoner at least should not go to the electric chair.

Judge Wingfield went to the residence of Lieutenant-Governor Ellyson, 10 East Franklin Street, at 10 o'clock, and the two repaired to the residence of Mr. Branch, hard by.

#### Is Asked to Interfere at Last Moment.

The subject was at once broached to the Lieutenant-Governor. He was asked to commute the sentence of Claude Allen to imprisonment for life, in the interest of justice. He was told that Governor Mann was out of the State.

Mr. Ellyson responded to the effect that although he had held that office for seven years, he had never thought himself possessed of the powers of the Governor during the later's absence from the State, and had never drawn the salary of the office. Rev. George W. McDaniel, D. D., then asked him if he would consider the matter provided

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